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4-46 E. Hamburg St. (North side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1845-1858

The long rows of two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs built along this side of Hamburg St. by John S. Gittings in the 1840's and 1850's, are typical of the type of working class housing built in large numbers in this section of Federal Hill in this period. The houses were generally rented to a variety of tenants. Many of these houses have recently been renovated or are in the process of being renovated. 36 E. Hamburg St. is the one exception in the group, being only a two story, gable-roofed house. It was built, however, in the same period.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

36 E. Hamburg St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2 1/2 story brick house with gable roof and a single dormer window is a very late example of this type of house, being built in the early 1850's between rows of more or less contemporary two story plus attic houses. The house has been covered with formstone.

The house is 2 1/2 stories in height, 13' wide, and occupies a lot about 51' deep. The house is two rooms deep with a one story high, two bay deep rear addition. The house was probably constructed in running bond but the facade has been covered with formstone. The steeply pitched gable roof has a single dormer window on the front facade. A double rectangular chimney is located on the west side of the house, along both the front and rear gables.

Although the formstone obscures the original lintel treatment, it appears that the first floor door and window openings had segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums and that the second floor windows had flat lintels. The window openings are filled with the original 2/2 double hung sash. A modern flush door is set beneath a two-light arched transom. The house sits on a fairly low basement, the entrance being reached by three stone steps. A square-shaped coal opening, with an arched lintel, is located to the left of the steps.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      John S. Gittings

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house is significant as being representative of a group of quite modest two story, gable-roofed houses built in the 1850's and 1860's to serve as inexpensive housing for the influx of newly arrived immigrant families seeking work in harbor-related activities. Most such houses were held by the builder as rental property, and many were located along narrow alley streets, such as nearby Patapsco St. This particular house seems to have been built by Gittings for a particular client, as it is unlike the other houses surrounding it, and was leased by Gittings to a private owner upon completion.<sup>1</sup>

In terms of design, houses such as this are basically descendants of earlier Federal-style working class housing built in the early decades of the nineteenth century, but without the usual dormer story of such houses. The houses are quite small, with two rooms on each floor and a centrally located, tightly winding, narrow staircase.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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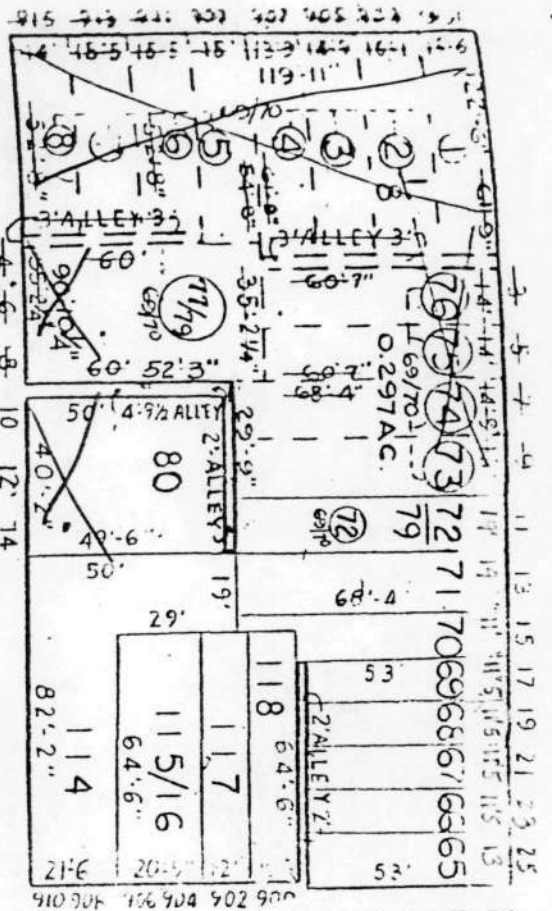
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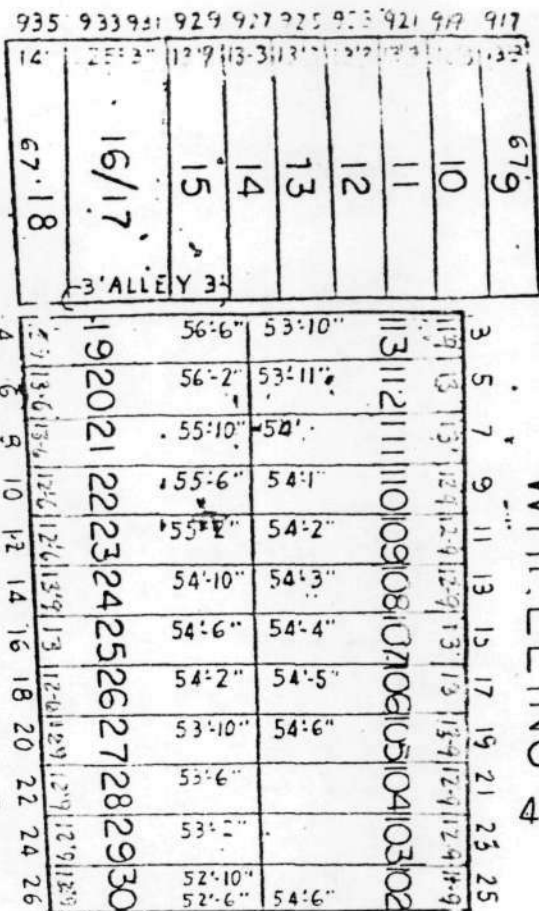
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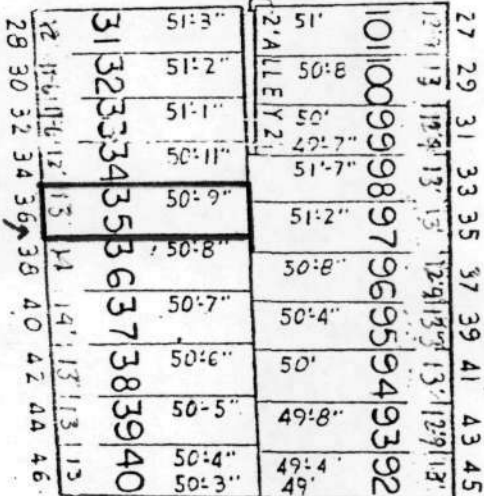
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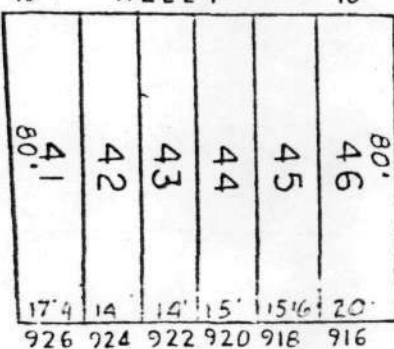


HARDEN

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ST.



LIGHT

E. HAMBURG

ST.

934-B

934-A

919

B-3222  
36 E. Hamburg Street  
Block 0918 Lots 035  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







B-3222      36 E. Hamburg St.

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South elevation